

FISCAL NOTE

SB 901 - HB 1378

March 10, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: (1) Sets kindergarten age at five and lowers the mandatory school attendance age from seven to six years of age; (2) Exempts home school students from the mandatory school attendance age of six; and (3) adds a severability clause.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 One-Time
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000 One-Time

The amount of increase will depend upon the number of additional students entering the school systems and cannot be determined but can be estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Even though the estimated increase of students spread over a number of schools might not necessitate the hiring of additional teachers, there will be additional funds generated for that system by the BEP formula resulting in a one-time increase in state and local expenditures.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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